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Dear Clarence and only Boss:

Needless to say, I miss you very much and at the same time I am delighted that you had the opportunity to get away from Brooklyn for a year. It must have been akin to the lifting of a Mack truck off your chest upon leaving our shores last July. To every one's surprise things are holding together relatively well although in certain respects the adhesive forces are derived from chewing gum and bailing wire.

I know that you will be delighted to learn that the Society of University Surgeons has seen fit to elect me to membership. You will also be delighted to learn that the talk which we presented in Kansas City was more than well received and there is no question in my mind but that the political implications of this recent adventure in Kansas City struck a forceful and resonant note in favor of our department.

You are undoubtedly already mischievously delighted that the paper on "Electrical Hemostasis" was accepted for presentation at the coming meeting of the American Surgical Society. Phil and I will think of you while swimming in Florida during the month of March. While on the topic--why don't you put me up for membership in the American Surgical Society? Who knows but what certain members of this Society may feel that I am not too young for such an honor? After all, Jim Maloney is already a councilman-at-large- in the Society of University Surgeons. At any rate I would not feel badly if I were turned down, but am desirous to be put to the test.

Furthermore, you will be happy to know that Tuttle has tacitly agreed in a letter that I should get credit for my year in England with Sir Russell. I suspect that before long I may qualify for Thoracic Board\$.

You will also be happy to know that between Phil, Charlie and myself we have submitted one or two abstracts to the coming meetings of ASAIO, Vascular Society, International Cardiovascular Society (both New York and Dublin meetings) The New York Heart Association and the American College of Surgeons.

The printer informed me last December that I shall receive the galley proofs of my book during the month of February. This suggests that the book will be in print before you return.

The Vascular Service is coming along very nicely. This winter was an exceptionally cold one in New York City, it brought in 31 cases of bilateral frostbites of the hands and feet. We are doing a clinical study on these patients to evaluate sympathectomy. All these patients have been subjected to unilateral sympathectomy on the worse side. It is a little bit premature but it would appear that sympathectomy is of benefit. All of the vascular people around the country are intrigued by the study and exhibit just a wee bit of jealousy. Have been successful in obtaining \$ 3,500 out of Merck, Sharpe & Dohme. Will hire a technician and run a study with Phil, Charlie and Harold Schaefer on the comparison of no therapy, heparin therapy and thrombolysin therapy in the treatment of venous and arterial thrombosis. It would seem that the census on the Vascular Service is approximately 80 patients; if we begin to admit the venous thromboses it may be necessary to move Vascular Service back to the "A" building to occupy an entire floor. Have discussed this with Karl--no decision has been made yet--but before it is made I would like to get your reaction to't.

The Kitchen is still not done. The salary is still miserable (about 60% of comparable physician at Albert Einstein which is supposed to be a broke institution) but Wanda and the children are in good health. If there is a hereafter -- I am sure Wanda will qualify for admission because of her patience and understanding and by the same token I will not qualify for having placed her in that position.

Many people have been inquiring about you and what you are doing, and they all get the same answer that for the first time in eight years you have been liberated to the degree that you can at least do some of the things that you want to in surroundings that are pleasant, friendly and cooperative. My very best wishes to Ely and the children who must be having a ball: they probably have seen you more in the past six months than they have in the past eight years. Just so that there will be no misunderstanding, I am on their side. I hope your veins are holding up.

Come back soon.

As ever,

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